



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Lisa Le, Treasurer
Vote Hope
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Response Due Date:
December 10, 2007

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Reference: Amended Mid-Year Report (4/1/07-6/30/07), received 7/31/07

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 3 items:

1. Schedule E of your report indicates that your committee may have failed to file one or more of the required 48 hour notices for independent expenditures (see attached). A political committee must file a 48 hour report with the Federal Election Commission as specified in 11 CFR §104.4(b), within 48 hours of any independent expenditures aggregating \$10,000 or more with respect to a given election, made any time during the calendar year up to and including the 20th day before an election. The notice must be received by the Commission by 11:59 p.m. on the second day following the date on which independent expenditures that aggregate \$10,000 or more are publicly distributed or disseminated. These expenditures must then be fully itemized on Schedule E, or as memo entries on Schedule E and reflected on Schedule D if distributed or disseminated prior to payment, of the next report required to be filed by the committee. Although the Commission may take further action concerning this matter, your prompt response will be taken into consideration. 11 CFR §104.3(b)

2. Your 2007 Mid-Year Report (4/1/07-6/30/07) discloses limited payments for administrative expenses. Administrative expenses are payments made for the purpose of operating a political committee

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including, but not limited to, rent, utilities, salaries, telephone service, office equipment and supplies. Each separate segregated fund and non-connected committee utilizing separate federal and non-federal accounts is required to allocate any administrative expenses according to a 50% flat minimum federal percentage unless the federal account elects to pay a higher cost. Schedule H1 must be filed with each FEC FORM 3X that discloses an allocable disbursement for administrative expenses, generic voter drives or public communications that refer to any political party. 11 CFR §106.6(c)

Any goods or services provided to your committee by a person, except volunteer activity (i.e., a person's time), would be considered an in-kind contribution from that person, and would be subject to the disclosure requirements of 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(3) and 11 CFR §104.13, and the limitations and prohibitions of 2 U.S.C. §§441a and 441b.

Clarification regarding administrative expenses should be disclosed during each two year election cycle beginning with the first report filed in the non-election year. Please provide the necessary information regarding administrative expenses incurred by your committee and/or amend your report to disclose such expenses according to the referenced provisions of the Act and Commission Regulations.

3. The independent expenditure schedule (Schedule E) should disclose the following information: the name and mailing address of the payee, the purpose of the expenditure, the date of payment, the amount of payment, the name and office sought, state and district (if applicable) of the federal candidate, the calendar year-to-date, per election, for office sought total, the election designation, an indication of whether the candidate was supported or opposed and the signature of the treasurer. Please amend Schedule E by providing the "state" the federal candidate is running in. 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3)(vii)

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and

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reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1301.

Sincerely,



Sui Lang Panoke
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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Missing 48 Hour Notice

Name of Payee	Date	Amount	Purpose	Candidate
Donnie Burke Productions	6/7/2007	\$2,527.88	T-Shirts	Barack Obama

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